

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A truss anchoring assembly for anchoring a truss to a building support foundation comprising

rod means having a lower end arranged to be secured to the support foundation,

said rod means forming an elongated extension extending from the building support foundation to the truss, said rod means having an upper threaded end,

bracket means being affixed to said upper threaded ~~attachment~~ end,

said bracket means having an upper wall forming a downwardly disposed surface for contacting the ~~the~~ truss, and a pair of sidewalls to contact the truss,

securement means for securing the bracket means to the truss, ~~and~~

said member is a block affixed to one of said sidewalls, said block is angularly oriented on said one of said sidewalls to correspond to the slope of the truss,

said threaded hole extending through the block for receiving the threaded end of said rod mean in secured relationship, and

said pair of sidewalls each including a plurality of holes for receiving mechanical fasteners.

3-4 (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A connection bracket for a truss anchoring assembly through vertical rod having a threaded upper end comprising

a U-shaped bracket having a base and a pair of opposed side walls extending

perpendicularly to said base,

a block affixed to an ~~[[the]]~~ exterior surface ~~[[wall]]~~ of at least one of said side walls,
~~[[and]]~~

said block having a ~~threaded~~ hole for receiving the threaded upper end of the vertical rod,
said hole extending through said block, each of said side walls having a plurality
of holes for receiving mechanical fasteners, and

said plurality of holes of one of said pair of sidewalls being offset from the plurality of
holes of said other one of said pair of sidewalls.